

### **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment, along with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) being concurrently filed, constitute the proper Submission with the RCE being concurrently filed and fully complies with M.P.E.P. § 706.07(h)(II).

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the present application in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

#### ***Status of the Claims***

In the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 3 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 10-17, 19, 21, 27, 29-35, 37, 39 and 40 were previously canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claim 38 was previously amended by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability of August 11, 2010. Claims 3, 5-9, 18, 20, 22-26, 28, 36, 38 and 41-42 are thus pending in the present application.

No new matter has been added with the amendment to the claims, as subject matter is actually being deleted. The claims have been amended to delete the "C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group" from substituent groups a-1' and a-2' in claim 3 and from substituent groups e-1 and e-2 in claim 18.

Based upon the above considerations, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

#### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

Applicants note that an IDS is being concurrently filed with this Preliminary Amendment. Consideration of the cited reference and foreign Office Action and a returned,

initialed copy of the SB/08 form are respectfully requested.

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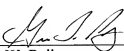
Consideration of the present amendments and the IDS are respectfully requested. Applicants believe that the presently pending claims are still allowable for reasons of record.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez, Reg. No. 48,501 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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